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2019 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2019 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Group Scout Leader's nomination of
 - the Group Chairman
 - certain members of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Presentations
11. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Annual Report. I hope that you enjoy reading each of the section reports, which give a summary of the very busy and varied programmes enjoyed by the young people across the Group.

I'd like to thank all of our warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and young leaders who give their time and skills freely throughout the year to deliver the Scouting programmes. I'd also like to thank my fellow Executive Committee officers who help to direct the overall work of the Group.

We often have space on our Committee for parent representatives, if you would like to find out more, or put yourself forward for one of these roles please let your section leader know.

We are fortunate to have a group of leaders who work extremely well together to maximize the benefits to the young people. One of our most experienced leaders, Mike Mayhew, has recently stepped down from his role as Akela of the Oakwood Cub Pack. Mike has been a warranted Scout Leader for 50 years and we are enormously grateful for the tremendous contribution that he has made over the years. As well as running the Cub Pack, Mike, together with his wife Kiki, regularly organise the catering for the summer Scout camp and attend the camp as part of the leadership team each year. Mike also took the lead in arranging the Group Camp in September this year. We are very pleased that he will continue to help support the Group and remain within our

leadership team as an Assistant Group Scout Leader.

We are also delighted that Mark Steed has taken over the role of Akela and that the Oakwood Pack is in safe hands! However, we are still very keen to find additional help for the Pack to strengthen our team. If you, or anyone that you know, would be interested in finding out more about how you can help, we would be delighted to hear



from you. We are able to offer training and support and no previous Scouting experience is necessary to volunteer with us.

Our new building is, incredibly, now 5 years old, as well as providing a great base for Scouting purposes, it remains very popular as a base for many different community activities. In addition to the regular activities taking place during the week, we also let the hall for children's parties at weekends. All of this activity has enabled us to make good progress to repay the loans that we took out to rebuild the hall and to invest in equipment for Scouting activities. However, maintaining the premises and outside spaces remains a constant pressure on the Group. We hold working parties throughout the year to enable us to keep the site in good order and carry out regular necessary maintenance.

As we approach the end of our loan repayments, we have started to think about how to further improve the site. We have begun to develop some options for the "joining up" of the three buildings and consider how we can improve the Explorer Hut, stores and kitchen. During the next year we expect to be able to present options for a possible further phase of the development of the buildings. We would very much welcome your input as the options develop and we firm up our plans for the future.

I'd like to end by thanking all of the parents/carers and friends of the Group who offer us support throughout the year, your encouragement and help is much appreciated.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

STAYING. This past year has been a terrific year for staying with this Scout Group. More and more young members want to join and stay to have fun. Activities throughout the age ranges and sections such as fire lighting, cooking, camping, trekking, navigation and team work build all the skills to set them up for life with long lasting friendships made. Many of the youngsters stay the course going through the Group to Explorers and staying on into adulthood as leaders.

I think the word 'staying' is a powerful word, it has no length of time and hard to quantify but signifies a feeling of commitment. This Group is successful and one of the largest in the District and it can be easy to



imagine that all this comes about by chance and will continue without stepping up. However there are many people staying to help with administration, staying to clean up, to mend, and leading the

sections each week to stay and support the ethos of Scouting by giving their time freely.

Without so many people staying the Group would falter and not enable the members to experience Scouting through 6-18 years and beyond. We have leaders now with over 50 years service to Scouting and have the thanks of countless boys and girls, a worthwhile testimonial.

We want parents and any person who is interested who wants to have fun by experiencing Scouting to step up and stay for as long as they feel they want to.

Over the past year we have recruited assistant section leaders, which is fantastic, although as the years roll on we need to attract more so the burden does not fall too heavily on the few. So please speak to your child's section leaders and ask them what **you** can do to help by **staying**.

Thanks to all of the leaders, Executive, supporters and young members that **stayed** throughout the last year to make it a great Scouting year !

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



We have had a busy year once again. The autumn term saw Oakwood Beavers complete the following badges: My World Challenge, Hobbies, Community Impact, Musician 1 and Emergency Aid 1. To complete these badges Beavers made masks from fallen leaves, they enjoyed some camp style food, made newspaper tents, planted daffodil bulbs, made Christmas decorations and much more. We visited St Matthew's church for our Carol Service where we performed on the ever popular hand bells. Some attended the Group Campfire and the Group AGM and Fun Day. We also raised some money for the Lunchbowl network and learnt about children

less fortunate.

After Christmas, Squirrel stood down as Beaver Scout Leader after nearly 30 years of volunteering and I took over as leader. Fortunately she wanted to stay on as Assistant to give me lots of support and advice.

In the spring term of 2019, the Beavers learnt about being fit and healthy and how to make healthy food choices. They also had a fun evening experimenting with slime and using vinegar and sodium bicarbonate to inflate a balloon. They learnt how to tie their shoelaces (well we tried) and measure their heart rate. We also had a treat from Fei's dad who made some lovely noodles for us for Chinese New Year.



In the summer term we had a favourite event for the Beavers - the annual Beaver and Cub sleepover in the hut. Lots of Beavers and Cubs attended and great fun was had by all. The Beavers also did work towards the Disability Awareness, Air Activities 1 and My Outdoor Challenge badges. We finished the year with a picnic party and water fight as we were so lucky with the weather.

A huge thank you to all the leaders, helpers, DofE volunteers and parents who have helped make all this possible. With a special thank you to Pauline (Squirrel), Suzanne (Robin), Ben (Panther), Matthew and Edward (Hedgehog).

Jenny Tew (Fawn)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Incredibly it's that time of the year again when we tell you what we have been up to within the Colony. We are always pleased to welcome new Beavers into the Colony and this year has been no different. But it's also a little sad to see Beavers leave and continue on their journey through Scouting. Some of the Colony enjoyed the annual District Beaver Fun Day in the autumn term, taking part in activities such as a challenging rope bridge, inflatable sumo wrestling

(always a favourite), backwoods cooking, beat the inflatable goalie, blindfold trail and indoor go-karts. The spring term saw two other popular District events: the Bike & Scooter Ride, which teaches the Beavers essential bike maintenance and safe cycling whilst also giving them the opportunity to earn as many stickers as possible by completing laps of Ravensbury Park and, for the older Beavers, the International Badge Day, which sees the Beavers fly around various different countries learning some of their languages, customs, food, dancing and crafts.

Back at the hut, and in the run up to Christmas, the Beavers enjoyed crafting and painting their own clay sculptures, learning what makes a balanced diet and safe kitchen rules for their Cooks badge and how to draw by using the hands of others (!) with just verbal instruction. They were put through an easy going boot camp and measured their heart rates before and after to see what the effects of exercise will do. They also enjoyed an evening working towards their Air Activities Stage 1 badge by learning about different planes and their components, but most of all by making different styles of paper aeroplanes and seeing how far they flew. Another staged activity badge we completed was Emergency Aid, with some very interesting 'recovery positions' nailed!

The autumn term wouldn't be complete without a night of costumes, games and spooky music for Halloween or handmade Christmas decorations and our annual film and popcorn night to round off the term.

Straight back into the spring term and the Beavers were solving problems, being brave trying haggis and shortbread for Burns Night, creating cute pear-hogs (hedgehogs made from pears with cocktail sticks and grapes) and learning about Chinese New Year. We also tried mini pioneering with spaghetti and mini marshmallows and spent an evening learning about our founder Lord Baden Powell on his birthday, as well as creating fun and mess during an evening filled with science experiments, from making volcanoes explode to rolling currants in lemonade, making milk change colour and balloon rockets. Needless to say the



Beavers enjoyed making the mess and the fact that they didn't need to clear up!

In the summer term we lit fires, toasted marshmallows and made yummy smores. We also spent a very interesting evening at the Mosque in Morden, particularly as our visit coincided with Ramadan. The Beavers enjoyed a calm introduction to Tai Chi, an ancient form of martial art, self defence and body conditioning. It was amazing to learn that they can, en masse, be calm and quiet occasionally! The same however cannot be said to describe the annual sleepover, which saw Beavers and Cubs from both Colonies and Packs bed down for the night in the hut yet again. A fun night, with some sleep ! As part of their Gardener badge, the Beavers made their own grass heads but somehow grass seeds managed to get behind noses and eyes so we had grass hair coming out of more places than just heads! We ended the summer term getting messy tie dying and, from what we've seen, the mass of mismatched colours actually turned out fab and very effective!

Of course, the above would never be possible without a strong and dedicated leadership team. Thanks therefore to Rebecca, Denise, Chloe and Simon for their continued support of the Colony.

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader)

MAYHEW CUB PACK REPORT



Here's what we've been up to in the Mayhew Pack.

The District trialled a new event for the Cubs in the form of watersports. An intrepid few tried this event out and had a lot of fun sailing, kayaking and an eventual dunk in Wimbledon Park lake! It is thought this event could be continued in the future.

For our weekly meetings the Cubs lit fires, energetically took part in exercise and agility activities for their Sports Enthusiast badge and created some very original clay sculptures. Each week the Cubs participated in a game of indoor hockey

Despite the postponement of the District Swimming Gala the Cubs enjoyed an evening practicing their swimming and progressing their staged Swimmers badges. They delighted us with their Halloween costumes and very creatively managed to dress their fellow Cubs up as mummies in toilet paper!!! They also completed stage 1 of their

Emergency Aid and Air Activities badges with some very flighty paper aeroplanes for the latter!

The spring term brought with it a visit from two of the Raynes Park Explorers who were off to the States for the World Scout Jamboree in the summer. They spoke informatively about what they have had to do to raise money to fund this once in a Scout's lifetime experience, what it would be like eating, sleeping and participating in activities with tens of thousands of other Scouts from across the world. We're hoping they will return and tell us what it was actually like, having now been.

The Cubs also completed the DIY badge learning how to safely saw wood and sew a pouch onto a piece of doweling they have cut. They also peeled, chopped and prepared vegetables for their Chef badge, whilst keeping the leaders topped up with tea for their Skills badge.

This year's District badge day was the Astronomers badge, with the Cubs moving round space themed bases. We also entered a team into the District Chess competition and rather excitingly finished second behind the Oakwood team - well done the Mayhew Cubs! To end the spring term the Cubs enjoyed making pancakes and a very big mess - sorry Explorers!

Coming into the summer term, the Cubs looked at various safety aspects including making their own board games about the country code. Some contained very harsh 'return to start' penalties when 'landing in cow pat' or 'leaving the gate open' just two squares away from the finish! They also enjoyed an interesting visit to the Mosque with the Mayhew Beavers.



For a bit of a change the Cubs cooked sausages skewered on spaghetti in billy cans over their own fires following them up with good old fashioned toasted marshmallows.

The Cubs enjoyed the annual sleepover with the other Beavers and Cubs, with most actually getting some sleep, despite lots of denials. Our

annual Cub camp with the Oakwood Cubs was down at Broadstone Warren. Given the weather forecast the swimming pool was booked as one of the activities but the temperature of the pool got the better of even the most hardy of Cubs with the first surrendering to the cold after only 10 minutes in! Brrrrr!

The Cubs also had a go at tie dying t-shirts to enormous effect. For some the process of covering each and every bit of their t-shirt returned some absolutely fabulous and cosmic effects.

Again none of this would be possible without the leadership team we have. Thanks therefore to Rebecca, Denise, Chloe and Simon for their never ending enthusiasm.

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT



Whenever a new Scouting year starts, we've always an abundance of ideas for pack nights at first. These then get whittled down to more manageable programmes eventually, but we're still left with an impressively wide variety of activities. After beginning last autumn with some clay model making and painting, we tried another type of painting - this time with colourful LED lights and long-exposure photography. The Cubs brought in their favourite toys just before Christmas and loved talking about them to all the others. We even had time to throw in some sewing and ironing practise!

The less typical nights included a visit to the New Malden Fire Station in October, a colourful visit from the Explorers who were going on this



year's World Jamboree, the Astronomer Badge Day in January, the annual Chess Competition (which we just so happened to win...) and a comprehensive Chinese New Year celebration. The weather was largely kind to us on Tuesday evenings after Easter, which meant lots of outdoor activities and

especially fire lighting. On top of all that were our usual overnight events - the sleepover with the Beavers in May and our Cub Camp in July at the ever-popular Broadstone Warren.

We ended the year with 22 Cubs on our books, having welcomed 8 from Beavers and said goodbye to the 10 that moved on to Scouts. We've also had a change of leadership. After many decades of excellent service, Mike Mayhew - the Akela of the Pack - has handed over the role to me. I'm privileged to continue in his footsteps as best I can. Mike will still join us on Tuesdays, along with Chris, Helen and Louise, all of whom I owe a great deal of thanks. I'd also like to say thank you to our Explorer Tristan for his assistance over the year. As ever, if you have any skills you'd like to demonstrate to the Pack, or even come along regularly as a section assistant, please let us know and we'll do our best to make it happen!

Mark Steed (Akela)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS

The Scout Troop currently has 46 members which makes for a loud and busy Wednesday evening when all attend. Over the last year we have welcomed lots of members from our two Cub Packs, but also said farewell to some older members who have moved up to the Explorer Scout section. It was great to catch up with some of them at this year's Group Camp.

The 2019 Winter Camp was held in February at Downe Scout Campsite in Orpington. We had indoor accommodation for sleeping but spent most of the weekend outdoors. This time the Scouts decided they wanted an activity weekend and all had a go at Tomahawk throwing,



leap of faith, rifle shooting, crate stacking, high ropes, archery and we got to do all of this in the snow! We of course had a very competitive snowman building competition and the leaders became victims of the snowball attack.

Over the Spring months we introduced a term of youth-led Scouting. Each patrol were given the opportunity to organise and run an evening for the Troop. Some of the activities included a quiz and charades, learning about refugees, playing a 'fair-trade' game, international cooking, fire lighting and Scott patrol's 'egg-cellent' night to lead us into the Easter holidays.

In May, 10 Scouts joined a few leaders to take part in a 2-day expedition. Carrying all our gear, we set off by train to Holmwood. We stopped for an ice cream at Leith Hill Tower, with amazing views of the beautiful countryside we had just walked through. When we arrived at our campsite we cooked dinner over the open fire followed by some evening games. The next day, we packed up our kit and continued onwards, hiking to Gomshall train station. For most of the Scouts, this was the first time taking part in an activity like this. Each Scout developed their navigation skills and really came together as a team.

The 2019 Summer Camp was held at Parkwood Scout Campsite near Brighton. During our eleven-day camp we took part in lots of activities such as paddle boarding, laser battle-zone, kayaking, zubaball, roller disco, hiking in the day and at night, tie-dye t-shirts, fire lighting, sleeping in hammocks and crazy golf. This year we even celebrated 'Camp Christmas' with a roast dinner, Christmas music, games and our very own Queen's speech!





Summer Camp is an important part of the Troop programme as it allows Scouts to develop by trying new activities but also gaining valuable life skills such as communicating with each other, working

together as a team and mixing with others from outside their usual social group. Congratulations to this year's camp competition winners – Livingstone Patrol. I would like to say a really big thank you to all the parents and Scouts who came to help before camp and at the end of camp with the loading and unloading of the lorry.

In the months leading up to Summer Camp, four older Scouts had been preparing for the Expedition Challenge. The preparation has included advanced navigation skills, route planning, food and water, learning about equipment, actions in an emergency and a practice hike. The challenge they undertook whilst away at Summer Camp was a two-day expedition navigating a route of 25km with all their food and equipment needed for the two days. Completing the expedition is a fantastic achievement and a real test of the skills they have been developing over the last few years in Scouts. The expedition challenge is physically and mentally demanding and I'm very pleased to say that Danny, Jess, Amelie and Toby stayed positive and committed, despite the very hot weather conditions they were walking in. Each of them should be extremely proud of their achievement!

The Scouts have achieved a lot and this can be seen by the numbers of badges worn on each of the Scout's uniform. Over the last three terms, we have proudly awarded around 200 badges including the Adventure,



Outdoors, Team Leader, Fire Safety, Creative, Hikes Away, Nights Away and Navigator badges.

Well done to Danny and Toby, who have been nominated for the Jack Petchey Award for their achievements in Scouting and in particular their commitment to helping others. Thank you to all our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders over the last year, who have all demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and assisted in the running of the Troop.

In the Summer we said farewell to one of our Leaders, James Taylor, who has returned back to New Zealand with his family. We would like to thank James for helping run the Troop over the last few years and we look forward to hearing from the Scouts in his new Group so we can make some international connections.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the leaders, support team and parents who have generously volunteered their time over the last year. Whether it be help on a Wednesday evening, or work for camps, helping us load a lorry or even behind the scenes with admin, finance or cleaning up, we are very grateful and it is this fantastic support that makes us a great Scout Group.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)

RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



This year we have resurrected the Executive Committee of Explorer Scouts. They have been helping to run our activities throughout the year. They have also changed the name of the committee to the Supreme Leaders!

We went to Gilwell 24 again, this is a firm favourite now. We were the only Unit going this year staying from the Friday evening to the Sunday morning. Much fun was had by all.

This report spans two Summer Camps. In 2018 we camped at the Cotswold Water Park. We had a very active time. We spent a day at 'Head for Heights', climbing and jumping off the challenges. A water sports day including who could make the best raft. Then a day mountain biking around the lakes.

Flying Penguins and Raynes Park joined forces this year and had a great week in the New Forest. Walking, getting wet, getting muddy, eating

and generally having a superb time. Many thanks to all the Flying Penguins team of leaders who made this trip possible.

We attended both St George's Day and the Remembrance Day Parades as usual.

Sadly, the 3rd Annual Dodgeball competition was cancelled due to lack of teams. The other units were obviously frightened of our team who won last year! But we did join the Scouts for Paintball yet again, now a firm favourite. Thanks again to Dave Bixby for organising this.

Award Hikes: We had a CSDA/Silver DofE group in the New Forest who got on very well. Their presentation should have been done by the time that you read this.

We had Claire and Yanni attending the World Scout Jamboree this summer together with contingent leader Eric. We are awaiting their reports back and photos, films etc.

We also had Matt and James C. at the 'Alternative' International trip to Sweden. We also await their report back. The updates on Facebook looked like they had fun and did a load of walking!

We have several members that help at the Group's younger sections. This is both at weekly meeting nights and at other events. We actively encourage this and hope to support the Group with more members this year.

We will also be focussing on badgework and other skills this coming year.

As always, I would like to thank all our leaders for the work and time that they put in each week throughout the year to run the Unit. Also to both the Scouters and the Exec committee from the Group for all their enthusiasm and support.

Neil McLauchlan
(Explorer Scout Leader)



SCOUT REPORT ON EXPEDITION CAMP 2019

The expedition was very fun and tiring. We set off from Raynes Park station and took the train to Epsom. We then took another train to Holmwood station. On the train we were given maps and compasses. Upon arrival, we walked to a small footpath and split into different groups. Then, my group spent ten minutes trying to find a bearing on the compass.

After a while, we arrived at the bottom of Leith Hill. The hill was a big struggle as it was very steep. However, at the top of Leith Hill the view was amazing. We stopped for lunch and continued on the walk to the campsite. After a few hours we arrived at the second check point. It was another hill. The view was great at the top. We met the other group and then walked together to the campsite.

When we arrived at the campsite, we unpacked and pitched our tents. It was tricky but in the end we got there. Once the tents were up, we got the fire going and started to cook dinner of chicken fajitas and some tortilla chips. Dessert was Swiss roll and custard. As there was so much we all managed to have a third helping. After dinner, I did the washing up with Finn, Kai, Amy-Lee and Jess. The others got firewood and after an hour we had a giant wood pile that was plentiful. We all played Frisbee afterwards. We had some free time and then we went to go play



another game in the dark woods. When we came back we roasted marshmallows, had hot chocolate and a campfire.

I woke up at 3 o'clock the next morning. I went back to sleep and woke up at 6 o'clock again. I found Padraig and Finn eating Starbursts in the morning. Padraig tried to balance a Starburst on my head. I was the first out. The fire had been going so I sat around it. Finn and Padraig then woke up followed by Alfie.



Once everyone was awake, we started to cook sausages and the porridge. After a nice breakfast, we started to take down the tents. We then went to the tuck shop for sweets and souvenirs. We started to plan our routes from the campsite to Gomshall station.

We packed our lunches and Dave gave us one of his home made chocolate cookies. They were really good. We filled our bottles and were off. It was 16:40 and our train was at 16:48. We had to run the last leg of the journey as we were going to miss the train if we didn't. We managed to make the train and took it to Dorking. We had to run to the other station within Dorking in order to get the South Western railway service to Raynes Park. We just about made it to the station as the train was delayed. We arrived at Raynes Park and said our goodbyes. We had walked a total of 23 kilometres in a span of two days. It was a relief when we arrived. It had been a great fun weekend.

Tony (Scout)



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WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019

The 24th World Scout Jamboree took place this summer in West Virginia, U.S.A. About 45,000 young people and adults from two hundred countries spent 11 days sharing friendship, adventure, culture and learning in the worldwide family of Scouting. Among these were Raynes Park Explorers Claire Dulson and Yanni Konstantinou (ex-19th Wimbledon), with Robin Blair and Alex Sherratt, and then myself as a leader for Greater London South West.

Our journey started more than two years ago, with selection camps for both the leaders and the young people. Out of nearly 300 applicants, 72 were selected to go and we then participated in about 15 preparatory events, fundraisers and camps to get ready for this momentous event. Finally, early on the 20th July we were off, departing from Heathrow for New York. As if the Jamboree itself were not enough excitement, the UK contingent also had two city trips, to New York and Washington, and the Jamboree tradition of Hosted Hospitality in Canada to look forward to, bringing the total time away to three weeks.

The Jamboree itself almost defies description. The site is a purpose-built Jamboree facility run by the Boy Scouts of America near Glen Jean, West Virginia. It is larger than TfL's zones 1 and 2 combined. Young people had the choice of more than 50 activities, each of which is built to a world-class level and is often the biggest of its kind – zip lines, mountain biking, BMX, skateboarding, shooting, scuba, fishing, SUP... the list goes on and on.

Cultural exchange was a major focus. Many of the attending countries established food and cultural houses showcasing the best of their countries. Sunday was cultural day, when each unit set up its own little



piece of home on their camping pitch and treated their neighbours. Cultural exchange was not limited to formal events, though and within a day or two of arrival, so much kit had been swapped that Scouts were indistinguishable from one another. The UK hats and rucksacks were particularly in

demand, as were the badges - one of the most popular elements of any Jamboree is the badge trading.

On three occasions, the whole Jamboree assembled in the AT&T stadium for ceremonies and shows, taking in Lebo M. (arranger of many songs from “The Lion King”), K-pop band NCT, the stars of Disney’s Broadway musicals, Pentatonix, former UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon and – inevitably – Bear Grylls. I could go on and on about what we did at the Jamboree, but suffice to say it was no less than a life-changing experience. It simply needs to be lived to be understood.

Though the Jamboree took place in the U.S.A. it was hosted jointly with Canada and Mexico, and so the U.K. contingent went to Canada for Hosted Hospitality to stay with local host units in their communities. We went to London, Ontario (ironically enough) and our hosts took care of our every comfort, arranging visits to Lake Huron, canoeing, kayaking, a “sugar shack” (where maple syrup is made), the city of London, and a proper North American shopping mall and stuffed us full of Canadian delicacies such as pancakes with maple syrup, Tim Horton’s donuts, Nanaimo bars, butter tarts, poutine, smoked ribs and chicken and corn on the cob. This part of the journey was wonderful but it was then time to go home. We arrived at Heathrow at 6a.m. to be met by our families and friends. Personally, I then slept for 24 hours straight.

More than a month later, I still struggle to put into words what an amazing experience this was for me. For the young people, I am certain it will be one of the touchstones of their lives. Each young person in Scouting has one opportunity to attend a World Scout Jamboree. It is challenging to get selected, hard work to raise the money to attend and – frankly – an intense experience, but an experience not to be missed. The next World Scout Jamboree will be held in 2023 in South Korea. Selection will likely begin in the spring of 2021 and is expected to be open to young people born between mid-2005 and mid-2009. We would all strongly encourage each and every young person to consider applying. For more information on this and other international Scouting opportunities, please reach out to me or our Assistant County Commissioners for International Activities, Claire and Dave Pearcy.

Eric de Regnaucourt (Assistant Scout Leader)

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2018-2019

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Richard Bowyer
Beaver Scout Leader (Fawn) - Oakwood	Jenny Tew
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Neil McLauchlan
GSL nominated member	vacant
Oakwood Beaver parent	Mandy Garnett
Mayhew Beaver parent	Ashley Keytel
Oakwood Cub parent	vacant
Mayhew Cub parent	Garry Morgan
Scout Troop parent	vacant
Quartermaster	Gary Clark

‘100 CLUB’ WINNERS IN 2018

Jan	£15	Chris Campbell	Jul	£15	Tint Kim
	£15	Nahoko Dulson		£15	Denise Wilkins
Feb	£15	Clare Insall	Aug	£15	Ros Barnes
	£15	Denise Wilkins		£15	Jane Barnes
Mar	£15	Helen Butterfield	Sep	£100	Pamela Mather
	£15	Mark Naylor		£15	Kevin Kilbane
Apr	£15	Nicole McGlone	Oct	£15	Peggy Tolmie
	£15	Evelyn Bleasdale		£15	Pamela Mather
May	£15	Charlie Mowbray	Nov	£15	Jane Chase
	£15	William Tolmie		£15	Robert D'Alessio
Jun	£15	Erica Bishop	Dec	£100	Karen Dehlavi
	£15	Neil Messenbird		£15	Pam McLauchlan

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £33,000 in the latest financial year. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Our expenditure on the Group HQ site development and maintenance was less than in previous years but we spent approximately £6,000 on the outside space. Due to the continuing great demand from various groups to use the facilities we are generating an annual income in excess of £40,000 which offsets the running costs and helps in repaying the loans we took out to finance the new buildings. Our positive financial situation means we are in a position to repay loan capital sooner than scheduled and have now repaid £88,000 from the original £150,000 borrowed.

We have raised over £1,800 from **The Giving Machine** as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. It costs the buyer nothing. Thank you to over 50 givers who are signed up but we'd really like to have a lot more. Details of the scheme can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.



The **100 Club** is an easy and fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and half of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club. We haven't quite reached 100 members yet, so if you would like to join then please send an email to: 100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

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Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £2,000. The **Gift Aid** scheme continues to provide useful additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)



GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

Group Chair

Ros Barnes

chair@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

Group Scout Leader

Paul Wilkins

gsl@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

Assistant Group Scout Leaders

Richard Bowyer, Mike Mayhew

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Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony

Thursdays, 5.30 – 6.30

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

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Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony

Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15

Jenny Tew (Fawn)

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Mayhew Cub Scout Pack

Thursdays, 6.30 – 8.00

Rebecca Gregg (Akela)

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Oakwood Cub Scout Pack

Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8.00

Mark Steed (Akela)

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Scout Troop

Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.00

David Godden

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Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit

Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15

Neil McLauchlan

leader@rpesu.co.uk



VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Assistant Group Scout Leader - agsl@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Richard Bowyer (A.G.S.L.)

Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held at Group Headquarters on 22nd September, 2018

Present: There were approximately 80 people present, including our District Commissioner, Leaders, Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, parents and members of the Group Executive.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She also introduced the officers of the Executive Committee.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from John Kitchener and James Wilkins.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14th May, 2017 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Eric de Regnaucourt, seconded by Chris Chapman, and agreed by the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

Annual Report: The Group Chair presented the Annual Report booklet and picked out some highlights. We have 125 young people in the Group and continue to limit the numbers in the lower sections to manage the total number in the Scout Troop. She announced that Mike Mayhew is planning to retire next year after many years as a Leader and asked people to consider if they could help with the Leadership team. She encouraged people to look at the volunteering page in the report, and noted that Leaders enjoy Scouting as much as children. Turning to the Headquarters site she commented that working parties continue once a month but are not well attended and she requested more help. There are a huge number of people who use the site every week, putting it to good use and for our hirers, generating a good revenue. She thanked all the parents for switching over to OSM, making subs and payments much easier, and she encouraged people to sign up for Gift Aid. Finally she gave a big thank you to all the Leaders and Executive, especially Jane Purchase who is standing down after 29 years. Thanks also to the backroom workers, such as Marina, Marianne, Becca, Kiki and Norma who contribute so much behind the scenes. There are lots of events coming up, with a Group Camp next September being one of the highlights. Approval of the Report was proposed by Mark Steed, seconded by Mike Mayhew and agreed by the meeting.

Annual Statement of Accounts: The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted that with the healthy rental income it has been possible to over pay the loans and the balance is now down to £84,000. Last year the lettings income

reached £46,000, and Gift Aid tax refund also helps significantly. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Neil McLauchlan, seconded by Eric de Regnaucourt and agreed by the meeting.

Group Chairman and Executive Committee: The Group Scout Leader commended Ros Barnes on a fantastic job and nominated her to continue as Group Chair.

Group Secretary and Group Treasurer: The Chair was pleased to advise that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and that Adrian Chapman was willing to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Denise Wilkins, seconded by Mark Steed and agreed by the meeting.

Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee: Parent representatives Gary Clark, Mandy Garnett, Ashley Keytel, Garry Morgan and Neil McLauchlan were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Mark Steed and seconded by Mike Mayhew, and approved by the meeting.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Mike Mayhew and agreed by the meeting.

Presentations: The District Commissioner Debora Carter highlighted what an active program the Group has, and how she enjoyed reading the Annual Report. She then presented a Wood Badge to Eric de Regnaucourt for completing his leader training, a 5 year service award to Gary Clark and a 30 year service award to Mick Shade. Assistant Group Scout Leader, Dick Bowyer, then presented the Ron Day Shield to the young person who had gained the most out of Scouting at the 19th Wimbledon in the previous year. On this occasion the trophy was awarded to Patrick Campbell.

The Chair thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club for another year, and then on behalf of the 100 Club, James made the special September draw. He first noted that the 100 Club has raised over £570 for the Group this year and distributed £500 in prizes from 93 members – he would like to actually reach 100! The September draw was won by Pamela Mather (£100) and Kevin Kilbane (£15).

Any Other Business: None.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Scout Headquarters site is in use every day of the week. We have a number of regular hirers offering a variety of activities including a Forest School nursery; a number of exercise classes for both adults and children, support for children who are home educated and a local Church group.

The buildings are also used by local Rainbows, Brownies and Guide Groups and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit.

We have offered the use of the premises to support a number of charitable events over the past year.

The Kingston Wheelers use the site as a base for Audax races during the summer months and we continue to let the hall for children's parties at weekends.

We are grateful for all of the support and cooperation offered to us by the users of the premises and we look forward to continuing the partnerships into the future.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)



CHILDREN'S PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue for a children's party?

Have you considered the Scout Hut?



Did you know that we let our Phoenix Hall for children's parties on Saturday and Sunday afternoons?

We charge £120 for a 3-hour hire period (based on a two hour party and half hour set up and clear away) and we also ask for a refundable damage deposit of £50. If you are interested, please email lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk - but make sure you plan at least two months in advance; as the hall is very popular for parties!

"It was a fantastic party, not least because of the great venue" - July 2019.

"Many thanks ! The party went very well and everyone complimented on the lovely setting and how great the Scout facilities are" - July 2019

FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 100 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold an annual event each year for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

e-mail: secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.

Raise funds for us while you shop!

You can also raise money for our Scout Group without doing any fundraising or donating any money. How?



If you shop online (at stores like Amazon, Next, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Interflora and hundreds of others) simply register with **The Giving Machine**, access the stores through their website and the Scout Group will receive a free cash donation at NO extra cost to you.

Visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, join as a Giver and please choose '19th Wimbledon Scout Group' as your chosen beneficiary.

Thank you.



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The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis as previously.

Contact: Adrian Chapman, 40 Amity Grove, London SW20 0LJ

Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee

R. Barnes
Group Chair

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2019

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	8,887.93	Current account	21,542.84
100 club current account	2,534.00	100 club current account	919.00
Scout Association short term investment	1,000.00	Scout Association short term investment	1,005.38
Cash	178.14	Cash	223.97
100 club prizes payable	(756.00)	100 club prizes payable	(778.00)
Loan from Scout District	(44,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	(42,000.00)
Loan from Scout Association	(40,000.00)	Loan from Scout Association	(20,000.00)
	(72,155.93)		(39,086.81)
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	1,195.93	Current account	2,718.28
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	1,195.93		2,718.28
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	3,818.36	Current account	3,308.95
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	3,818.36		3,308.95
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE		TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	
	(67,141.64)		(33,059.58)
Group surplus	33,069.12		
Sections surplus	1,012.94		
NET SURPLUS	34,082.06		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE		TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	
	(33,059.58)		(33,059.58)

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £544,539 and equipment with an insured value of £46,346.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2019.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

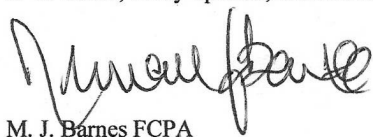
Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



M. J. Barnes FCPA

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